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September 25, 1995

TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Specialist

RE:

Site Inspection, Utah Building Stone, Lynn Springs Mine, S/003/025, Box

Elder County, Utah

Date of Inspection:

September 6, 1995

Time of Inspection: Conditions:

11:00 p.m. Sunny, warm

Participants:

Gordon Struthers, USFS and Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

To determine if reclamation has been done at this site as agreed to

by 8/31/95 deadline.

On May 5, 1995, the Division sent notice to the Bown's regarding the need to submit a Notice of Intent to Conduct Large Mining Operations. The Bown's were to submit the LMO notice by June 20, 1995. On June 21, 1995, I met with the Bown's on another project site. They indicated that the reason that they had not submitted the LMO notice was that they knew they would be meeting with me and wanted to discuss an alternative. There proposal was to reclaim approximately 1 acre of the site, which would reduce the disturbed acreage to less than 5 acres. They indicated that they had left a D8 cat on site to perform this task if acceptable. This proposal was agreed to provided that the regrading be completed before August 31, 1995 and the reseeding be completed before October 31, 1995. This agreement was also reiterated during a meeting in the Division's Office on July 20, 1995. Division staff was assured that the work would be completed.

During this inspection, it was noted that the reclamation as discussed was not performed. To date, the Division (or Forest Service) has not received the Notice. This site is potentially in non-compliance. The Forest Service has also requested that the replacement fence be properly braced at the corners. This also has not been completed. Several photos were taken to document site conditions.

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William and Preston Bown, Utah Building Stone

Gordon Struthers, USFS

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